

**Introduced by Senator Speier**

February 22, 2005

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An act to amend Section 5074 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 691, as introduced, Speier. Vehicles: special interest license plates: fees: allocation.

Existing law authorizes the issuance, transfer, or renewal of special interest license plates bearing a full-plate graphic design depicting a significant feature or quality of the State of California, for certain fees paid in addition to the regular fees for an original or renewal vehicle registration. The additional fees, after deduction for the Department of Motor Vehicle's administrative expenses, are required to be deposited in the Graphic Design License Plate Account, for use by the California Arts Council, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for arts education and local arts programming, except for fees imposed for the issuance of the plates as environmental license plates, as defined, which are required to be deposited in the Environmental License Plate Fund.

This bill would delete the requirement that the fees imposed for issuance of the plates as environmental license plates be deposited in the Environmental License Plate Fund and, instead, would require those fees to be deposited in the Graphic Design License Plate Account, for use by the California Arts Council, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for arts education and local arts programming.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 5074 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

5074. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the Polanco-Bates License Plates for the Arts Act of 1993. The California Arts Council shall participate in the special interest license plate program.

(b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration or renewal of registration, the following additional fees shall be paid for the issuance, transfer, or renewal of license plates bearing, notwithstanding Section 5060, a full-plate graphic design, depicting a significant feature or quality of the State of California, approved by the department in consultation with the California Arts Council:

(1) For the original issuance of the plates, fifty dollars (\$50).

(2) For a renewal of registration of the plates, forty dollars (\$40).

(3) For the transfer of the special plates to another vehicle, fifteen dollars (\$15).

(4) In addition, for the issuance of an environmental license plate, as defined in Section 5103, with a full-plate graphic design, the additional fees prescribed in Sections 5106 and 5108. ~~The additional fees prescribed in Sections 5106 and 5108 shall be deposited in the Environmental License Plate Fund.~~

~~(c) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b), all~~ All fees collected under this section, after deduction of the department's costs in administering this section, shall be deposited in the Graphic Design License Plate Account, which is hereby established in the General Fund. The funds in the account shall be used by the California Arts Council, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for arts education and local arts programming.

(d) The California Arts Council shall use the revenue derived from the fee increases authorized by amendment of this section during the 2003–04 Regular Session exclusively for arts education and local arts programming. The council shall not use that revenue for its administrative costs.

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